

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Election

The above-identified action requires restriction as follows:

Species I, Figure(s) 1;

Species II, Figure(s) 3;

Species III, Figure(s) 5.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of Species I drawn to Figure 1, namely claims 1-6, 10-21, 23-25, 33 and 37.

This election is without traverse.

The Amendment

It is noted that claim 24 as originally filed claimed two alternative elements drawn to Species I and Species II, respectively. Claim 24 is herein amended to read only upon elected Species I. Claim 38 is herein added so as to recite the element removed from amended claim 24.

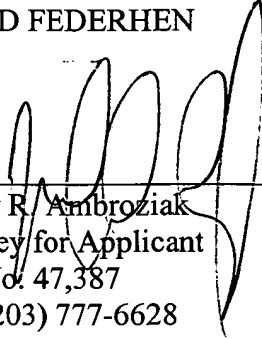
An action on the merits of the elected claims is courteously requested.

Applicant encloses herewith a check in the amount of \$219.00 to cover the fee for filing a two (2) month extension of time request and additional claim fee.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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